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September 28, 2015

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Attention: Mr. Donny Hamilton, Jr.

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) transmits Amendment No. 19 to the Rural non-Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) area portion of the California 2015 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). This amendment adds federal discretionary funding to an existing grouped project for training and research program totaling \$1.120 million. The new projects highlighted in the detailed backup listing were awarded under Strategic Highway Research Program 2 (SHRP2) Round 5 and 6.

Documentation associated with this amendment include summary of changes, project documentation, and updated financial summary. This amendment was posted for public review and comment for fourteen (14) days that commenced on September 11, 2015, and ended on September 25, 2015 as required by FSTIP public participation plan. No comments were received during the public review period. In addition, there are no projects in this amendment that are included in any other amendment that is currently open for public review.

Projects in this amendment with funding beyond the four-year cycle of the current FSTIP are included for information only. These projects are included and submitted by Caltrans through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS). In addition to being available in CTIPS, programming pages for each project are also included as part of *Attachment 1, Summary of Changes and Project Details*. The financial impact of this amendment is compatible with the anticipated revenues in the 2015 FSTIP Financial Plan and remains financially constrained as demonstrated in *Attachment 2, Financial Summary Tables*.

Based upon correspondence from FHWA dated May 27, 2008, projects in non-metropolitan isolated non-attainment areas of the State do not need to meet project conformity to be included in the FSTIP. However, such projects must comply with project level conformity requirements when a Federal action such as a National Environmental Protection Agency decision or obligation of funds, is taken on the project.

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Pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Director of Caltrans, I approve this FSTIP Amendment 19 for inclusion into California's FSTIP. I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) approve this amendment. Please note that the approval of this amendment does not constitute an eligibility determination of projects for federal funding.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this amendment, please contact Lilibeth Green at (916) 654-3521 or Lilibeth.Green@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bruce De Terra", with a stylized flourish at the end.

BRUCE DE TERRA
Chief
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Attachments

- c: Karina O'Connor, EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosures)
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